

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 12 is allowable. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims. More particularly, claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-11 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, to correct typographical errors, or to depend from an allowable claim. Claims 13-14 have been amended corresponding to allowable claim 11. Claims 2-14 are now pending. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope as the cancelled and amended claims in a subsequent continuation application.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISC277).

Respectfully submitted,
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